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### About Accreditation

#### What It Is, What It Can and Cannot Guarantee

»NEASC accreditation is a system of accountability that is ongoing, voluntary, and comprehensive in scope. It respects differences in institutional populations, missions, and cultures, and fosters institutional change grounded in the judgment of practicing educators. It is based on standards which are developed and regularly reviewed by the members and which define the characteristics of good schools and colleges.

#### **NEASC accreditation is structured in a ten-year cycle of:**

**Self-study** which engages the entire educational community in structured analysis, self-reflection, and planning in response to the standards.

**Peer review** which brings discipline and perspective to the process through the observations and judgments of a visiting committee of peers from other schools and colleges, informed by the self-study and based on the standards.

**Follow-up** which is monitored by a commission of elected peers and overseen by a professional staff to ensure that planned and prescribed institutional change is accomplished and which provides for intervention, as necessary, to respond to information gathered in regular reports from the institution or through complaints from the public concerning a failure to comply with the standards.

#### NEASC Accreditation Attests To:

- substantial compliance with established qualitative standards
- integrity in statements to the public describing the institution's program
- institutional commitment to improvement
- sufficiency of institutional resources

#### NEASC Accreditation Does Not:

- guarantee the experience of individual students
- guarantee the quality of specific programs
- compare or rank institutions

**Jonathan Law High School is eager and honored to welcome the visiting committee from NEASC for our decennial accreditation on April 2-5, 2017.**